

The BRADDOCK BEACON

A Monthly Newsletter from Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook

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Community Input Needed on Future of Lake Accotink

The future of Lake Accotink, including whether it will continue to exist at all, is on the front burner. There has been some discussion within the Fairfax County Park Authority of tearing down the dam and eliminating the lake. I believe Lake Accotink is a community asset worth saving, but the issue is complicated and community input *now* is critical.

Lake Accotink has been dredged three times, at increasing cost. Unfortunately, sediment from upstream continues to settle into the lake, and one of the past hurricanes filled in much of the last dredge. Absent a new dredge, the lake is projected to fill in by 2025.

The lake is being studied as part of the Park Authority's Master Plan review for Lake Accotink Park. The Park Authority has developed six options for the future of the lake. The decision between those options will determine how the rest of the plan is constructed.

Here are the six options:

- 1) The first option is to do nothing and let the lake naturally fill up with sediment. This would turn the lake into a wetland area and take away its use for watersport recreation. It would allow the valley to return to its "natural" condition. It would require some dam maintenance which would cost around \$4,700,000 every 30 years.
- 2) The second option is to keep the lake as it is by dredging every 15 years. Under this option, the initial full dredging would cost \$29,275,000. A re-dredging would have to take place every 15 years and would cost \$29,275,000 each time in current dollars.
- 3) The third option keeps the lake and provides a more permanent fix. The lake would be dredged, and we would also construct a sediment forebay. The forebay is a small, mini-lake at the beginning of the larger lake. The forebay would collect the sediment that currently is filling in the large lake. Each year after the initial dredge the forebay only would be dredged. The large lake would remain as is and would not need re-dredging for about 30 years. As an added benefit, the annual forebay dredges would remove sediment and thus provide an environmental benefit, as sediment carries pollution from storm water runoff. This option would cost \$45 million for the initial dredge and forebay construction, and \$776,000 per year to dredge the forebay.
- 4) The fourth option is the installation of "beaver dam" structures in line with Accotink Creek upstream of the lake. These small dams would catch sediment upstream and keep the main lake area as it is. However, the small dams would eventually fill up with sediment and could not be dredged, so



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- eventually we would be back to current conditions. This option is a less expensive, albeit temporary, solution. This would cost \$933,000 for the installation.
- 5) The fifth option: removing the existing dam and returning Accotink Creek to a single stream within its current limits. This option has an upfront cost of \$11,465,000 for dam removal, with only \$26,000 per year in annual costs. The stream valley would eventually fill in and become a meadow and then forest, with the stream running through it. Sediment would run through the stream and be deposited downstream.
- 6) The final option is the removal of a portion of the existing dam to create a smaller lake along with a single thread channel. The remaining lake would be 20-25 acres, compared to the current lake of 50 acres. The stream would not run through the lake, but around it, so sediment would not fill up the lake, but instead continue downstream. This option would cost \$13,218,000 initially and \$26,000 each year for vegetation maintenance. There are no numbers yet on the cost for any re-dredging.

The Park Authority outlined these options at its January 22, 2018 meeting. Some attendees to the meeting came away with the impression that the Park Authority favored getting rid of the lake. Staff further announced at the meeting that public comment on the proposals would be closed February 26, with a final decision coming later in the year.

Since that time, I have met with the Director of the Park Authority, and am happy to announce that the public comment period, at my request, has been extended into the spring. The Park Authority has also committed to conducting additional community meetings. I also conveyed what I believe to be strong community support for the lake. In light of these discussions, I believe the Director is very open to options to preserve the lake.

The cost of preserving the lake is high, and that is an important factor in any decision. But as a county of over one million people, we regularly make significant investments in parks, libraries, community centers, and other infrastructure for the betterment and enjoyment of the public. This project is no different. I am ready to work with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to find funding for an option that preserves the lake, if the community, after knowledgeable discussion, prefers that option.

To help provide a forum for this discussion, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and I will hold a community meeting on February 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School at 7:30 pm -9 pm. I will outline these proposals in more detail, and then we will take questions and, most importantly, listen to community commentary. My office has established a link on our website where you can find all the study materials. And I am available to meet with our neighborhoods to continue this dialogue. As always, you may also email my office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call at 703-425-9300.

Your time and input is critical. You own this lake, not Park Authority staff. Please make your voices heard.

Community Meeting on Proposal at Braddock and Roberts Roads

On Monday, February 12, I will hold a community meeting to discuss a proposal to create a high-end residential development with 49 single-family detached homes on the northeast corner of Braddock and Roberts Roads. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. This proposal would require a comprehensive plan change.

Since this property is in a prominent location and has not gone through a Comprehensive Plan review in several years, I made a motion, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 23, to begin a planning process to consider the owner's proposal along with other potential land uses for the site. The developer will present its plans for the property at the meeting. We will also talk about the planning process and community members will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions. All who are interested in the proposal are encouraged to attend.

Community Planning Workshop for Training Center and State Police Site

On January 20, I hosted a very successful community planning workshop focusing on the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center and the adjacent State Police site. One hundred people came to spend their Saturday morning and early afternoon offering their thoughts on what types of land uses fit into the community, what they see as the greatest needs, and identifying associated challenges.

Participants identified a variety of community needs, including affordable housing; housing for individuals with disabilities and mental health concerns; senior housing; a community center or community gathering area; and recreational needs, such as a fieldhouse or recreational facility providing multigenerational activities for a wide variety of users, including seniors and those with disabilities. A number of residents stated that they wanted to maintain green space or open space, including walking trails. Community members cited a need for improved pedestrian connections in the area, including both sidewalks and trails. It was stated that any new development should be integrated into the existing community, appropriately scaled to fit in, and an adequate amount of parking must be provided onsite for any potential use. You may review the Needs Assessment prepared by County staff and read a more detailed summary of ideas presented at the workshop (available later this month) on the project website.

The input gathered from the workshop will be very useful to the Training Center Site Task Force as it begins its work. The Task Force's first meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, in Braddock Hall

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at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, but will not involve public comment. Additional meetings will be listed on the project website as they are scheduled. Using the Needs Assessment and ideas from the workshop, the Task Force will develop options for a Comprehensive Plan for the site. These options will be presented at a community meeting in April where the community may ask questions and offer comments. Based on the input from that meeting, the Task Force will refine the plan and present its official recommendation to the community in late June.

To submit comments to the Training Center Site Task Force, use <u>braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. Please put "Training Center Site Task Force" in the subject line.

Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites topical guests to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers. This month's episode will feature Tisha Deeghan, Deputy County Executive for Health & Human Services, and Laura Yager, Director, Systems Transformation, Office of the Fairfax County Executive.

For the past two years, the county's Diversion First program has provided treatment instead of incarceration for people with mental health challenges developmental disabilities who come in contact with the criminal justice system over low level offenses. The potential outcome is that people who shouldn't necessarily be incarcerated get "diverted" thereby ending the cycle of repeat offenders, reducing the number of people in jail, and eventually, saving the taxpayers money.

Episodes air on Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. You may also watch the episodes online.

Community News

CERT Training Class in Burke

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue will be offering another Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training class in Burke beginning Feb 26 through April 28, 2018.

The class sessions are held at the Burke Centre Conservancy "Oaks Community Center," with a final "disaster exercise" conducted at a facility in Fairfax City. Scheduled class dates are: Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, April 16 and 23, with the final exercise on Saturday, April 28th.

The CERT training program is designed to prepare residents to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT the individual can learn about disaster preparedness and receive low-impact training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations - to be able to provide immediate assistance and critical support before emergency responders arrive on the scene.

There are eight (8) class sessions that must be attended to complete the training. Class sessions begin at 7:00pm and last 2-1/2 hours. The classroom instruction incorporates hands-on skill development and experience in conducting a search, rescue, and victim assessment. Open to all residents (18 and older); your participation accommodates any physical or mobility limitations. Class size is limited to 20 students.

This training is FREE – students are also provided personal protective equipment for the training and to keep upon completion of the course. Students are asked to bring family members, neighbors, or co-workers to several class to act as 'victim/actors' to add realism to the instruction and drills. Scenarios are used to enhance training objectives and provide students with practical hands-on experience in finding, dealing with, and treating 'victim/actors' in simulated disaster situations.

Registration is handled through the Fairfax County Volunteer Management System.

Instructions for Registering

• Start at the URL https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov

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- At the top of the page under Volunteer LogIn select "Register to Volunteer" near the top center
- You will create your own VOLUNTEER PROFILE (USER ID and Password)
- You will only need to complete the required information (*) to proceed.
- After you SUBMIT your registration information you will receive a notice by email that you are registered and can now select the class, called an "OPPORTUNITY" - - you want to search for "CERT"
- Select **CERT 0 Interested in CERT** and **CERT 133** at Burke Centre.
- If you encounter any problems with registering send an email to the Lead Instructor: Jsobecke@gmail.com

Compliance Corner: Residential Fences and Walls

Do you know Fairfax County's rules for fences and walls?

Regulations differ based on the type of lot and fence or wall, but generally:

- All Fences and Walls must comply with Article 10-104 of the Zoning Ordinance, which regulates their location and height.
- In a front yard, a fence or wall cannot exceed four (4) feet in height, except:
 - With Board of Zoning Appeals approval, up to six (6) feet in height may be permitted.
 - On corner lots abutting a major thoroughfare, up to eight (8) feet in height may be permitted.
 - On lots of two (2) or more acres in the R-A through R-1 Districts, up to seven (7) feet in height may be permitted.
- In a side or rear yard, a fence or wall cannot exceed seven (7) feet in height, except eight (8) feet may be permitted on:
 - o Reverse frontage lots; or,
 - o Lots with a yard within 150 feet of a major thoroughfare and abutting open space.
- Building Permits are not required for fences of any height, unless the fence is required for pedestrian safety or when used as the barrier for a swimming pool. Then a permit is required.
- Building Permits are required for concrete or masonry walls six (6) feet or greater in height.
- Retaining walls with more than three (3) feet of unbalanced fill also require a building permit.
- For more information about Building Permits, call 703-222-0801.

2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs

You are invited to attend the 2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops. First jobs are important and these events help connect teens and employers face to face and prepare our youth for the workforce.

These events will focus on student job seekers (approximately ages 16 to 18) looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build their resume. Volunteer opportunities and resume building workshops will be available for younger students looking to begin to build their resume. We ask that students <u>click here</u> to register.

Saturday, March 10th, 1 pm to 3 pm, Woodson High School Co-sponsored by Supervisor Pat Herrity, Supervisor John Cook, and Supervisor Linda Smyth, Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Woodson High School For more dates and information click here.

Annual Shredding Event

Braddock District's NBC4 Shred Event at NVCC, sponsored by Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program, will take place on March 24, 2018 at 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale 22003

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. These events are only open to Fairfax County residents along with residents of the Towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. Documents from businesses will not be accepted.

Please Note: Shredding events start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m. All cars must be in line by 12 p.m. These are drive-through events and residents will be asked to remain in their vehicles. For everyone's safety, you will not be able to stand by and watch your paper being shredded.

Constituent Services Stories

This section is designed to let you know of some of the constituent work done by Supervisor Cook's office over the last month. Your tax dollars are hard at work!

A Braddock resident called our office to report a clogged storm drain. Our staff contacted VDOT and they took care of clearing it.

We received a call regarding the right turn sensor for the signal at Burke Lake Road and Lake Braddock Road. This is particularly important, as one cannot turn from Lake Braddock onto Burke Lake on red. We contacted VDOT and it was repaired promptly.

Two residents called in about separate incidents of missing signs, one was a street sign the other a STOP sign. We contacted VDOT to replace the STOP sign. Meanwhile the street sign was replaced by County Public Works Sign Shop after we contacted them.

Citizen of the Month



The Arts Council of Fairfax County has placed three Fairfax artists at middle schools in Fairfax County as a part of their Artist Residency Program. The artists are connecting visual art and theatre with language arts, social studies, technology, music and physical education study areas to offer students engaging, unique and innovative learning experiences. Brad Waller, a Stage combat teacher and actor will work with Glasgow Middle School English students and will use fight choreography to teach students about conflict and conflict resolution in theatrical performances. Students will construct their own safe stage combat-worthy light sabers and create an original light saber battle with movement, dialogue, music and monologues as a dramatic performance. By effectively incorporating physical and collaborative movement in performance, students will learn to illustrate dramatic text in action using best practices that support student safety while developing self-awareness and

partnering skills. "For me, the idea of engaging the human fascination with combat to draw a young mind into

the genius of classical works, while at the same time teaching them to keep one another safe, is an adventurous journey and speaks to the child within each of us," said Brad Waller about the focus of his residency program.

The Arts Council, in collaboration with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), launched the Artist Residency Program in 2014. The program is designed to create opportunities for professional artists to share their expertise through unique arts education programming that supplements the FCPS curriculum. Students are engaged in cross-curricular learning through the arts, enhancing their skills in creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. To date, twelve Fairfax County artists have been trained and placed in FCPS middle schools through the Artist Residency Program. These artists are available for additional residencies, private and public school funding permitting.

The Artist Residency Program is funded in part by Carnival Foundation, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation, Dimick Foundation, Dominion Energy Foundation, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Arts with institutional resources committed by the Arts Council and FCPS.

Human Services Corner

Braddock District High School Student Writes Musical

W. T. Woodson senior Paul Hardin makes history jump out of the history books and onto the stage with an all new musical *Loyal Heart* about young King Henry VIII. To tell this tale, Paul composed 24 original songs, fully orchestrated for a 16 piece pit orchestra. Change surrounds young King Henry VIII as he grapples with a destiny he did not expect. The musical asks the question, Who is the Loyal Heart?

Paul began writing this musical three years ago when he was 14 years old. Fifty busy high school students from across four different disciplines of drama, chorus, orchestra and band have joined Paul to volunteer their time to make *Loyal Heart* come to life. As a completely student-led production with the support of Woodson's Tri-M musical honor society, *Loyal Heart* gives participating students a chance to have leadership roles in music direction, set design and choreography. *Loyal Heart* offers the complete cast and crew the unique opportunity to create a new musical while in high school. This show is also self-funded!

Free Caring for You, Caring for Me

Fairfax County is offering a Free Caring for You, Caring for Me for caregivers of older adults. Mondays, February 26-March 26, 1-3 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3955 Pender Dr., Ste. 100, Fairfax. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults (under Hot Topics). Call 703-324-7577, TTY 711.

Fairfax Commission on Aging

The Fairfax Commission on Aging meets on Wednesday, February 21, 1-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center, Rooms 2 & 3, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/fairfax-area-commission-on-aging. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group

Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's topic is Maintaining Relationships While Caregiving. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

Tax Help

Through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, IRS-certified volunteers will ensure you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for the earned income tax credit. If you or your family earned less than \$54,000 in 2017, you may qualify for this free service. Multiple locations available throughout Northern Virginia.

Alexandria: Kingstowne Library, South County Center

Annandale: FFX Skill Source Center-Annandale, 7611 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Arlington: Enterprise Development Group

Chantilly: Chantilly Library

Falls Church: Homestretch and Thomas Jefferson Library

Herndon: Neighborhood Resource Center

Lorton: Lorton Action Community Center

Reston: FFX Skill Source Center Reston

Springfield: Richard Byrd Library

Woodbridge: Prince William Ferlazzo Office and Prince William Skill Source Center

AARP TAX AIDE

AARP tax aide begins at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 on January 29 through April 17, 2018. Hours are Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 – 1 pm, Saturday 9 – 1 pm. They are closed February 19.

Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 begins February 1- April 17. Hours: Thursdays 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Saturday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Closed February 17.

Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031 begins February 3 – April 14. Hours: Saturday 9:30 – 1:30 pm. Closed February 17.

Please bring the following items:

Photo ID for you and your spouse if filing jointly. Note: Everyone must bring a Social Security card or ITIN letter for all family members, including returning customers.

All income statements: W-2, W-P, W-2G & 1099, etc.

All income statements for each working dependent: W-2, etc.

Voided check for direct deposit.

Expense documents: dependent care, education-related expenses, home mortgage interest payments.

Proof of health insurance coverage, i.e. form 1095A, insurance card, Medicare or Medicaid card.

Land Use

Upcoming Community Meetings

First Meeting of Training Center Task Force

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. – Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

Planning Commission Meeting on Proposed Goddard School

Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Community Meeting to Discuss Proposed Housing Development at Roberts and Braddock Roads

Monday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. – Oak View Elementary School Cafeteria, 5004 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Planning Commission Meeting on Proposed Consolidated Stormwater/Wastewater Facility

Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. –Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

Planning Commission Meeting on Building Rental at University Mall

Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Cases Filed Before the Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors

Goddard School Child Care Center 11909 & 11917 Lee Highway and 4613 Holly Avenue SE 2017-BR-023

On January 25, the Planning Commission held a hearing on the application of Daniel and Matthew Investments LP to build a Goddard School private preschool and daycare facility on four parcels of land located at the southeast corner of Lee Highway and Holly Avenue. Based on input from the community and County staff concerns about intensity of use, the applicant has proposed a decrease in their maximum enrollment from 200 to 150 children. The revised plans also indicate that the applicant would construct a dedicated right turn lane from Holly Avenue onto Lee Highway (eastbound) in addition to the existing lane, which will be used for traffic going straight or turning left (westbound). Staff is preparing an addendum to the Staff Report reflecting its views on the revised plan; it is expected to be available by February 8. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee voted to recommend approval of this application at its meeting on January 23.

Twelve community members offered testimony at the Planning Commission hearing, in addition to a number of people who provided written comments. Planning Commissioners asked about future connection of the service drive from Holly Avenue to Lee Plaza, the size and shape of the playground area, and future connection of the site to sanitary sewer once it becomes available. Braddock District Planning Commission Nell Hurley made a motion to defer decision in this case until February 8 to allow staff time to review the revised plans. The record will remain open until that date for written comments. No additional verbal testimony will be accepted. You may submit comments to plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

More information on the application, including the staff report and addendum (when available), may be found here: http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4235773. The Planning Commission is scheduled to issue its decision at its meeting on **Thursday**, **February 8**, in the **Government Center Parkway**, **Fairfax**, at **7:30 p.m.** A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

Housing Development at Braddock Road and Roberts Road RZ/FDP 2017-BR-030

A proposal has been filed to rezone approximately 9.56 acres on the north side of Braddock Road and east of Roberts Road from R-1 to PDH-8 to create a high-end residential development with 49 single-family detached homes. The property is currently developed with three single-family detached homes and a church, which would be removed. The proposal states that the development would include amenities such as a central lawn area, community garden, pavilion, children's playground, and small corner park. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road.

Since this property is in a prominent location and has not gone through a Comprehensive Plan review in several years, Supervisor Cook made a motion, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 23, to begin a planning process to consider the owner's proposal along with other potential land uses for the site. This process will be similar to the one underway at the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center, but on a much smaller scale given the size of the property.

Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan process and the proposed development on Monday, February 12, in the cafeteria at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. The developer will present its plans and community members may comment and ask questions. Those who are interested in this project are encouraged to attend.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission has tentatively been scheduled for **April 26**. More information on the application, including any changes in the public hearing dates and the staff report, when available, may be found here: http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4239309.

University Mall

PCA C-083-03 with PCA 2009-BR-015

The owner of University Mall has filed an application to allow rental of a building that is currently vacant. When the shopping center was renovated, the proffers prohibited renewal of the lease for the former bank on the northwest corner of the property because that land area is reserved for right-of-way dedication for the eventual widening of the Braddock Road/Ox Road intersection. The bank has moved out and the building is now vacant. VDOT recently made improvements to that intersection and does not plan to do anything further for a number of years. The shopping center owner would like to rent the building to another permitted user rather than leave it empty. The new lease would require the tenant to vacate the premises and terminate the lease if VDOT requests to use the dedicated area.

The Braddock Land Use and Environment Committee approved a motion expressing no objection to the proposal. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for **February 22**. The case is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on **March 6**. More information on this application, including any changes in the public hearing dates and the staff report, when available, may be found here: http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=PCA&seq=4237368.

2232 Public Facilities Applications

Stormwater/Wastewater Consolidated Facility at Freds Oak Road 2232-B17-21

The county has proposed expanding its current Wastewater Collection Division facility at 6000 Freds Oak Road to consolidate the Wastewater Collection, Maintenance and Stormwater Management, and Stormwater Planning Divisions. Supervisor Cook hosted two community meetings on the proposal and county staff walked the current site with community residents to discuss proposed layouts. Based on that input, a revised plan was developed which uses the existing entrance on Freds Oak Road that is closer to the Fairfax County Parkway as the main entrance. No county vehicles would be on Clara Barton Drive. A ten-foot high masonry wall would be extended behind the area denoted for equipment shops and salt and sand storage to act as a sound barrier for the residences behind that area. A traffic signal justification was submitted to VDOT for their consideration. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee recommended approval of the proposal, subject to review of the staff report. The revised plan, staff report (when available), and information presented at the community meetings is available on the project website.

Because this is a proposed county government facility, the proposal will be considered under the 2232 Review Process. Under this process, a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission, which will determine if the proposal is in substantial accord with the county's Comprehensive Plan. The proposal will not go before the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The Planning Commission's public hearing on this application is scheduled for **February 15**, in the Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. Residents who wish to testify before the Planning Commission are encouraged to register in advance at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee

The next meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be on **Tuesday**, **February 20**, **beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

Cases Filed With the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case. You may register to testify at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

Sky Springfield LLC D/B/A Sky Zone – 5325 Port Royal Road, Springfield SP 2017-BR-102

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to operate an indoor recreational (trampoline) facility. This application is scheduled to come before the BZA on February 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report (when available), may be found here:

http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4239547.

Patricia Springer – 7500 Murillo Street, Springfield SP 2017-BR-111

The applicant is seeking to allow a fence over 4 feet in height to remain in the front yard of a corner lot. This application has been scheduled to come before the BZA on February 14. Information, including a map of the site and staff report (when available), may be found here:

http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4226695.